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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the previous set of pending claims with the following complete set of pending claims. Claims 8 and 17 are cancelled in this response thereby leaving Claims 1 through 7, 9 through 16, and 18 through 20 pending.

1. (Currently Amended) A wearable article comprising an outer cover adapted to fit about a portion of a wearer and a fever indicator affixed to the outer cover, wherein the fever indicator provides a visible, audible, or tactile signal when a wearer's body temperature is above a predetermined threshold temperature, the fever indicator determining the wearer's body temperature from urine expelled from the wearer's body and providing the signal only when the urine is present.
2. (Original) The wearable article of Claim 1 wherein the fever indicator provides a qualitative indication of a fever.
3. (Original) The wearable article of Claim 2 wherein the fever indicator comprises a temperature indicating component.
4. (Original) The wearable article of Claim 2 wherein the fever indicator comprises at least one of a urine sensitive component and a temperature sensitive component.
5. (Original) The wearable article of Claim 1 wherein the fever indicator provides a quantitative indication of a fever.
6. (Original) The wearable article of Claim 1 wherein the fever indicator is disposed on a carrier element.
7. (Original) The wearable article of Claim 4 wherein the urine sensitive component dissolves upon contact with urine.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Original) The wearable article of Claim 1 wherein the fever indicator comprises a plasticizer.
10. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article for receiving and containing bodily exudates, the disposable absorbent article comprising:

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an outer cover adapted to fit about a portion of a wearer;
a fluid permeable topsheet;
an absorbent structure disposed adjacent at least a portion of the outer cover; and
a fever indicator affixed to a component of the disposable absorbent article, wherein the fever indicator provides a visible, audible, or tactile signal when a wearer's body temperature is above a predetermined threshold temperature, the fever indicator determining the wearer's body temperature from urine expelled from the wearer's body and providing the signal only when the urine is present.

11. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 10 wherein the fever indicator is disposed on at least a portion of the topsheet.
12. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 11 wherein the fever indicator is detachable from the topsheet.
13. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 10 wherein the fever indicator provides a qualitative or quantitative indication of a fever.
14. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 10 wherein the fever indicator comprises a temperature indicating component.
15. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 10 wherein the fever indicator comprises at least one of a urine sensitive component and a temperature sensitive component.
16. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 10 wherein the fever indicator is disposed on a carrier element.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 10 wherein the fever indicator comprises a plasticizer.
19. (Currently Amended) An insert for use with a wearable article, the insert comprising a fever indicator comprising;
a temperature indicating component; and

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a carrier, wherein the fever indicator is affixed to a component of the wearable article, wherein the fever indicator provides a visible, audible, or tactile signal when a wearer's body temperature is above a predetermined threshold temperature, the fever indicator determining the wearer's body temperature from urine expelled from the wearer's body and providing the signal only when the urine is present.

20. (Original) The insert of Claim 19 wherein the fever indicator further comprises at least one of a urine sensitive component and a temperature sensitive component.